

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

No. 3244

NOTICE.
THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$25,000,000

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [520]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
6 4
3 3
1 2

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [520]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [520]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MRS. POTTER
AND
MR. BELLEW.

Supported by their own London Company.

FOUR NIGHTS ONLY

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd.
"FORGET ME NOT."

Stephanie de Mabilis Mrs. POTTER,
Sir Horace Welby Mr. BELLEW.

FRIDAY, May 4th.
"FANCY NO."

SATURDAY, May 5th.
"ZOLA'S THERESE."

MONDAY, May 7th.
"IN SOCIETY."

The Play produced under the Direction of
Mrs. POTTER and Mr. BELLEW.

PRICE AS USUAL.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, half-price to
Back Seats only.

Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at 9 o'clock.
Box Office at MEIRY & WALKER, Ltd.

T. V. TWINNING, Manager.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1894. [525]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
from THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPONG
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED,
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
at their OFFICE, No. 2, ZETLAND STREET,
ON

THURSDAY next, the 3rd May, 1894.

AT NOON.

THE WRECK OF THE STEAM-TUG
"PILOT FISH,"

as she now lies outside Tsimshau Island.

TERMS—Wreck at Buyer's risk on fall of the

Hammer: cash payment in Bank Notes, or

Mexican Dollars at 7.17.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1894. [522]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 535.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the PHARMACEUTICAL
HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th
May, at 8.30, for the purpose of Visiting
Bodies are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1894. [518]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT

ASSURANCE.

AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [527]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [521]

THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—TOKIO, JAPAN.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$600,000
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE \$400,000

RESERVE FUND, 30th June, 1893 \$ 548,551
SPECIAL RESERVE, Do \$ 134,997

TOTAL RESERVE \$ 683,448

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

For the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
K. FUKUI, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894. [485]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [480]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL TAELS. 600,000. \$83,333.33

EQUAL TO \$18,000.00

RESERVE FUND \$18,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUW, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1894. [747]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,

Editor & Proprietor.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1894. [521]

W. BREWER.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS, THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Peader's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices. THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the service being under experienced supervision. THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well-ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing-Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (See English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. [529]

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For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST, A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDO-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND COREA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladivostock, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Cochinchina, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony or Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 contains a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG.

A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, The latest and only reliable

PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements,

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A CHAPTER ON SPORT

gives all statistics up to date regarding the Derby, St. Leger and other great events, Athletic records, the WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, making "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a valuable book for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Seas.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports.

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchow, in the Australasian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

PRINCE'S HOTEL, HONGKONG,

Hongkong, 16th January, 1894.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.

WARM CLOTHES.

THESE will all be spoilt before next cold weather unless properly taken care of.

NAPHTHALINE.

is the best thing to keep away Moths, &c., and prevent clothes smelling musty.

FIFTY CENTS PER TIN.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES AND SPIRITS will be as follows:-

P O R T.

(For Invalids and general Use.)

B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule \$14.40

C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule 16.20

D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after-removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

S H E R R Y.

B. Superior Pale Dry, delicate wine, Green Seal Capsule \$10.80

C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule 12.00

C C. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule 12.00

D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule 14.40

E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

B. C. and C are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

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C L A R E T.

B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule \$6.96 7.56

C. St. Julien, Red Capsule 9.00 9.60

D. La Rose, Red Capsule 12.00 13.92

Salute Foy. 7.20 7.92

Cuisse. 6.00 6.44

Chateau d'Aspre. 15.20 14.40

Chateau Haut Brion Larivete. 18.60 19.20

Chateau Mouton d'Armailhacq. 21.00 22.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

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D E A T H.

On the 23rd inst., at No. 54, Broadway,

Shanghai, ELIZA LOURIA, aged 49 years, the beloved wife of T. J. Ho-Vell, Imperial Maritime Customs, second daughter of James Shepherd Lenon, Esq., of London and Liverpool.

BIRTHS.

At Ningpo, on the 20th April, the wife of D. NESSITT, of a son.

At Shanghai, on 22nd April, the wife of RUTHERFORD MONTGOMERIE MACFARLANE, of a daughter.

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the vessel ran ashore on the 10th inst., during a dense fog, and was first sighted by the China Merchants' Haven on the 21st. Our Shanghai morning contemporary states that as soon as the accident happened, the captain had the boats lowered and provisioned and sails were taken ashore to be fixed up as tents and all hands slept on shore, as the seas swept over the vessel at times. The Nippon Maru is an iron screw steamer built at Flensburg in 1882, and is a vessel of 1,024 tons gross and 624 net register, and 92 horse-power. Assistance was being sent in disorder.

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Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not to be deterred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thorne's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Abelour-Glenlivet is a very old Peat Whisky, (Smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are too well known to need comment.

IRISH—

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule \$12.00

B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule 15.00

C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule 18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

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PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1894.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1ST OF JANUARY,

1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

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DISESTABLISHMENT IN WALES.

The Right Honourable Herbert F. Asquith, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has introduced a Bill into the Commons, to take effect from 1st January, 1896, to disestablish and disendow the Established Church in Wales, and also to exclude Welsh Bishops from the House of Lords. The Bill provides annuities for actual incumbents.

FRANCE.

PARIS, April 19th.

The Budget proposals embody several changes, including the abolition of the tax on doors and windows, for which is substituted a tax on rents and house servants.

The Socialist Deputy Tousaint is to be prosecuted for his action in the Trigaine workers' strike.

The Archbishop of Lyons is suspended for publicly condemning the employers' liability for law.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Liquor's parallel—Stoking a rebellious stomach.

THE repairs to the "Blue Funnel" steamer Tandala were completed yesterday, when the vessel was towed over from the dock.

A MASS of interesting news, including the second instalment of "Hongkong Dailies," is held over till Monday owing to extreme pressure on space.

TWINNING'S "Desmond" walls is the tune to which people now trip, even to church, and still the "Telegraph's" advertising rates remain unchanged. Self sacrifice has always been our failing!

We are indebted to Mr. Walter Shakespeare, of Singapore, the publisher, for a copy of a very interesting pamphlet entitled "People of a Native State," written by Mr. J. M. R. Roberts, for a number of years magistrate in the state of Selangor.

Daniel Crawford's finest Very Old Scotch Whisky..... 15.00

14.00

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. H. Hopkins presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. J. Kewick, H. L. Dalrymple, A. G. Wood, G. B. Dodwell, D. R. Sasse (directors), V. H. Deacon (solicitor), N. J. Ede (secretary), Douglas Jones, E. W. Maidland, W. H. Saunders, J. B. Coughtrie, H. E. R. Hunter, A. McConachie, R. Lyall, J. H. Cox, C. H. Thompson, Moton Jones, R. C. Wilcox, A. Ross, G. T. Velch, F. Henderson, A. Coxon, and G. M. Bain.

The Secretary read the notice of meeting.—

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, our chairman, Mr. Holliday, has, I regret to say, had suddenly to leave for Shanghai on urgent business, and I have been asked by my colleagues to take the chair. This meeting, as you all know, has been convened for the purpose of laying before you the proposals made by the Board to alter our present Articles of Association. A circular embodying all the material changes was issued on the 27th January last, so as to give time to shareholders in distant countries to consider them and express their views thereon. With the exception of some observations that have been made to us by one or two shareholders regarding the clauses relating to investments and the limitation of risks, to which I will refer in the course of my remarks, I am glad to say that the proposed changes seem to have met with general approval. The Articles named in the circular have for the sake of convenience been placed in the order of their promulgation, but the principal and main reason for proposing any alteration is given in the very first paragraph of the circular, namely that relating to the division of our profits. I will therefore allude to that first, and refer to the others afterwards. The Board has for some time past felt that while on the one hand the hard-and-fast rule of distributing 3/4 of the profits to contributing shareholders has tended to attract a certain amount of business, it has on the other hand produced keen competition and a reduction of rates by offices who have either given less bonus or no bonus at all to contributors and have sought to make up for it by offering lower net rates. Our fixed rule has also produced some disappointment among shareholders in regard to the dividend which it has been possible to give them under that method of division. After considering the pros and cons, the Board came to the conclusion that it would be advantageous to the Society to divide the profits according to the circumstances of each year, subject, of course, to the approval of the shareholders in meeting, and they had also the further reason before them that the Reserve Fund is approaching the limit fixed by the Articles after which no provision is made for adding anything to it. Although it may not be necessary to add any considerable sum each year, after the Reserve reaches one million, the Board thinks that addition thereto from time to time will probably commend itself to the shareholders. A steadily increasing reserve is favourably viewed, and rightly so, by all interested in the true welfare of the company and by those who in the course of banking and other business take our policies of Insurance, and it is calculated to inspire confidence and strengthen our credit which is a very important element in helping to extend and improve our business. The alteration is to the division of profits cannot come into force until 1895, because when we have contributed business this year we clearly entitle to the share of the profits prescribed by our present Articles, and I mention this as we have been asked why we did not make it commence at once. I will now refer to the other Articles which the Board thinks it would be well to take the opportunity of modifying. No. 17.—On the subject of calls. This is almost a technical alteration. The Board does not anticipate having to make a call, nor, happily, are there any signs at present that a call would ever be necessary, but should it be so, we anticipated that the process of doing so would be much facilitated under the new Articles, and it would be scarcely possible for a Board to make a call or to collect it without previous assent of the shareholders, and even if it were so made the shareholders have in their power to insist on a meeting to discuss it. I may, however, say that if the shareholders have doubts about it the Board is quite ready to let it stand as at present. No. 125. It has been pointed out that under the wording of the present Article the Board itself as a Board, ought to do all these things which it is manifestly impossible for them to do unless they act perpetually, and which really the Secretary does and must do daily. It has been therefore amended so that the Secretary may legally be able to do things but under the control of the Board. 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Two of our shareholders have referred particularly to this article and thought that the new clause is too wide. One of them said that under this section the Directors might invest in Chilean Bonds. It is not at all likely that they would do so, but the Board thinks that the Society should be able to invest in the stocks of foreign Governments such, for instance, as the late Chinese Imperial Loan or United States securities. Since the "Circular" was issued, we have added the words "or Shangha," so as to permit of investments in mortgages and debentures at Shanghai, No. 100.—The deletion of this Article I need not specially speak about, the reason is fully given in the circular. 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Mr. McConachie seconded the motion, which was carried *unanimously*.

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THE LOOCHOO ISLANDS.

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